

Memorandum



To: Village President
Board of Trustee

Cc: Village Treasurer

From: Sarah Kenney, Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Date: July 28, 2010

Re: Tour of the AMCOL International Corporation Headquarters, Hoffman Estates

2009 marked the completion of the AMCOL building in Hoffman Estates. The site boosts LEED Silver standards by using an innovative landscape design and stormwater management system. The design routes rainwater from the parking area into bioswales of native vegetation where it is filtered and detained. That water is collected in perforated drain pipes and a storm sewer that daylight into a series of rain gardens. Green roofs also work to retain excess rain water. The cumulative advantage of these stormwater management strategies minimizes the site's impact on the downstream ecosystem. Additional sustainable design strategies at AMCOL include stormwater runnels, recycled materials and a restored native prairie.



AMCOL Parking Lot View / photo: Sarah Kenney

A brief history as it relates to Barrington Hills: Because Prairie Stone in Hoffman Estates offered a unique development opportunity, AMCOL decided to relocate its headquarters there. Barrington Hills was involved in this unique development. In 1985, the Village of Barrington Hills and the Village of South Barrington settled litigation within a portion of the property now known as Prairie Stone. This area was past referred to as the "Nederlander Site" or "Poplar Creek Music Theatre". As part of the settlement, the Prairie Stone Annexation and Development Agreement was created. Site guidelines for this unique development include planned multi-use development with a complimentary mix of zoning uses; environmental and planning amenities; and outstanding site accessibility; and based upon an integrated planning process with an increased sensitivity to natural systems.

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